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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicant:** Walter V. Klemp  
**Serial No.:** 09/919,262  
**Filed:** 07/30/2001  
**Title:** Disposable Absorbent  
Garment Having  
Stretchable Side Waist  
Regions

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**Attorney Docket:** P01776US1  
**Examiner:** To Be Assigned  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please preliminary amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

1. In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, insert - -

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/215,473, filed December 18, 1998. *now abandoned*

2. In the Claims:

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same number.

1. (Amended) A disposable absorbent garment, comprising:
- a topsheet;
  - a backsheet; and
  - an absorbent core disposed between said topsheet and said backsheet,

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